

Mercurius Davidicus,

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OR

A Patterne of Loyall Devotion.

Wherein

King DAVID sends his PIETIE

TO

KING CHARLES,

His Subjects.

Being the practice of the *Primitive Christians,*
Martyrs, and *Confessors*, in all Ages;

Very fitting to be used both publick
and private in these disloyall

TIMES.

*Likewise Prayers and Thanksgivings used in the
Kings Army before and after*

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Taken out of
KING DAVIDS *Psalmes.*



LORD of Hosts, stand up wee be- *Psal.*
seech thee against them that stand up *2, v. 3.*
against thee, and take counsell against
thee and against thine Anointed.

Laugh them to scorn, and have them *4.*
in derision; speak unto them in thy wrath, and vex
them in thy sore displeasure.

In thy strength let the King rejoyce; give him *Pf. 21*
his hearts desire; denie him not the request of his *1, 2,*
lips; Prevent him with the blessings of goodnesse; *3, 4, 5.*
Set a Crown of pure gold upon his head; Give him a *6, 7, 8.*
long life, even for ever and ever. Let his Honour
be great in thy salvation; lay upon him glory and
great worship. Give him everlasting felicity; make

Pfal. him glad with the joy of thy countenance; Let him
 21.8. put his trust in thee, and in thy mercy let him not
 9.10. misarry: Let his enemies feel thy hand, and let thy
 right hand finde out them that hate him; Make them
 like a fiery oven in the time of thy wrath; destroy
 them in thy displeasure; Root out their fruit from
 the earth, and their seed from among the children
 of men, because they have intended mischief against
 thine Anointed *Charles*, and imagined such a de-
 vise, which wee beseech thee they may not be able
 to performe

Pfal. He cannot be saved by the multitude of his
 33. Hostes, nor delivered by his much strength; It is
 v.15. not his sword, nor his Bowe that can helpe him;
Pfal. Doe thou therefore save him from his ene-
 44.7. mies, and tread them under that rise up against
 him.

Pfal. Let thy Arrows be sharpe amongst the *Kings*
 45.6 enemies.

Psf. Save him for thy Names sake, and avenge him
 54. in thy strength; Hear his Prayer, O God, and hear-
 1.2.3 ken unto the words of his mouth, because Rebels
 4.5.7 are risen up against him, and Tyrants and Traytors
 seek after his soul: Be thou his helper, and be with
 them that seek to uphold him. Reward evill to his
 enemies, and destroy them in thy truth; Deliver him
 out of all his troubles, and let his eye see his de-
 fire upon his enemies; Deliver his soule in peace
ps. 55. from the battell that is against him.
 19.

Psf. Under the shadow of thy wings let his Refuge
 57. bee untill this Tyrany be overpassed and now that
 1.2.3 he calls upon thee, doe thou performe the cause
 4.5. which he hath in hand. Save him from the reproof
 6. of them that would eat him up; Send forth thy
 Mercy and Truth; for his soul is among Lions, and
 lyes among them that are set on fire, whose Teeth
 are spears and Arrows, and their tongue a sharpe
 sword.

Sword: Set up thy self O God above the heavens,
and thy glory above all the earth. His enemies have
laid a net for his feet, and would presse down his *psal.*
Soul; they have digged a pit before him; but let *57.7.*
them fall into the midst of it themselves.

Break their teeth O God in their mouths smite
the jaw-bones of these Lyons, O Lord; let them *ps. 58*
fall away like water that runneth apace, and when *65.7.8*
they shoot their Arrows, or Gunnes, let them be *9.*
rooted out: Let them consume away like a Swayl,
and like the untimely fruit of a woman; Let thine
Indignation vex them, as a thing that is raw; and
let our Righteous King rejoyce, when he sees thy
vengeance, and wash his foot-steps in the blood
of the ungodly Rebels.

Deliver him from his enemies, O God, defend *ps. 59*
him from them that rise up against him: Deliver *1. 2. 3.*
him from wicked Doers, and save him from the *4 5.*
Blood-thirsty man that will have no Accommoda- *1. 7.*
tion. See, O God, how they lie wayting for his *12.*
soul, and how the mighty men are gathered against *13.*
him, without any offence, or fault of his; O
Lord They run as Volunteers, before they
be called, and prepare themselves; Arise thou there-
fore to helpe him; stand up, O Lord of Hosts to vi-
sitate the Rebels, and be not mercifull to them that
offend of malicious wickednesse: slay them not, lest
their posteritie forget it, but scatter them abroad a-
mongst the people, and put them down: Let them
be taken in their pride, for the sin of their mouth,
and the words of their lips; for their Preaching is
of cursing and lies; Consume them in thy wrath,
consume them, that they may know it is God that
rules in England, and hath a care of his Anointed.

Tho' thou hast cast him a great way off, yet be not *ps. 60*
displeased too long, but turn thee unto him again; *1. 2.*
Though thou hast moved the Land, and devided it,
yet

Pfal. yet now heal the soars thereof; Though thou hast
60. ihewen thy people heauie things, and given them a
3.5. drink of deadly wine; yet now deliver thy beloved
servant, our gracious King, with all his true-hearted
Nobilitie, Gentrie, and Infanterie, and helpe them
with thy right hand.

ps. 61. Grant the King a long life, that his yeers may en-
6.7. dure a long season; Let him dwell before thee, & pre-
pare thy loving Mercy, and Faithfulness to preserve
him.

ps. 62. Let not the Rebels any longer imagine mischief
3.4. against him; If they will, let them be slaine all the
10. sort of them; yea, as a tottering wall let them be,
and like a broken hedge; Because their device is to
put out, and pull down him, our King, whom thou
hast, and we trust, wilt still exalt; Let them there-
fore that delight in wrong and robbery, that give
themselves over to vanitie, and seek to hurt his
soul, Goe under the earth, and fall by the edge
of the sword; and let the mouth of them that
speak lies be stopped; but let the King enjoyce in
thee, and all they that sweare for him be com-
mended.

ps. 64. Hear his voice, O God, in his Prayer, and pre-
1.2. serve his life from fear of the enemy; Hide him
4.5.6 from the gathering together of the froward, and
7.8. from the insurrection of wicked doers, which
whet their tongues like a sword, and shoot out
their Arrows, even bitter words, that they may
privily hit him; which courage themselves in mil-
chief, and commune among themselves how they
may lay snares that imagine wickednesse and pra-
ctise it, which they keep secret (as a close Com-
mune) among themselves; O God, doe thou sud-
denly shoot at them with a swift arrow, that they
may be wounded, and let their own tongues make
them fall.

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Thou hast stilled the raging of the sea, and the waves; O shew now also one miracle, and cure the madnesse of the people. *psal. 65.7.*

Arise, O God, and let thine enemies be scattered, and all them that hate thine Anointed, flie before him; Drive them away as the smoak that vanisheth, and let the ungodly Rebels perish at thy presence, as wax melteth at the fire; yea, let their kinglings, with their Armies flie, and be discomfited: Scatter them with thy twenty Thousand Chariots, even with the Thousands of thy Angels; wound them in their heads, and hairy scalps, if they goe on still in their wickednesse; Rebuke the company of Spear-men, the multitude of the Bulls, with the Calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver; Scatter thou the people that delight in warre. More are they then the haire of his head that hate him without a cause; they that are his enemies, and would destroy him guiltles are many; Yet let not us that trust in thee O Lord God of Hosts, be ashamed for the Kings Cause, neither let us that seek thee for him, be confounded; Hide not thy face from him thy servant in his trouble; Draw nigh unto his soul, and save it; O deliver him because of his enemies; Let his adversaries that have cast upon him shame, reproof and dishonour, And seek after his soul, be ashamed, turned backward, and put to confusion; Let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to doe him evill; and for those great troubles and adversities which thou hast shewed him, quicken him, and bring him up from the depths of the earth again. *ps. 68 1, 2, 12, 17 21, 30*

Give him, the King thy judgements, and thy Righteousnes unto Prince Charles, his Son; That he may judge the people according unto right, and defend the poor, That he may bring Peace and

Righteousnes unto his people, and keep the simple
 Psal. folke by their right, and defend the children of the
 72-4, poor, and punish the wrong doer; Let his Domi-
 3, nion be from one sea to another, over England,
 Scotland and Ireland.

Ps. 74. With the Tribe of *Juda*, thinke upon the tribe
 2-4-5, of thine own Inheritance, and upon Mount *Sion*,
 7, 8, wherein thou hast dwelt; Lift up thy feet; that thou
 11, 12 mayest utterly destroy every enemy which hath
 19, 23 done evill in thy Sanctuary, and roare in the midst
 of thy Congregations, and set up their Banners for
 tokens: Which break down all the carved worke
 thereof with Axes and hammers, and set fire upon
 thy holy Places, and defile the dwelling Place of
 thy Name even to the ground; O, let not the Ad-
 versary still doe this dishonour, nor let thy ene-
 mies blaspheme thy Name for ever; withdraw not
 thy hand; pluck thou the right hand out of thy bo-
 some to rebuke the enemy, and foolish people,
 which blaspheme thy Name; yea, the foolish man;
 that blasphemeth thee daily.

Ps. 75. Break the hornes of the ungodly people; and at
 12, thy rebuke, let both the Horse and his Chariot
 Ps. 76. Fall; That thy servant *David*, and our Sovereigne
 6, *Charles*, may againe feed us with a faithfull and
 Ps. 78. true heart, &c. rule us prudently with all his power.

Ps. 79. Behold, O God, what people are come into
 1, 2, thine Inheritance, how they have defiled thy Tem-
 12, ple, and made a great part of thy *Jerusalem* an heap
 of stones: They have slain thy servants, and given
 their dead bodies to be meat unto the fowls of the
 Aire; Oh at length let the sorrowfull sighing of the
 Prisoners come before thee, and according to the
 greatness of thy power, preserve thou those who
 are appointed to be Plundered of their Names
 Ps. 83. and Estates; By those wretched people, that say,

4, Come, and let us root them out, that they be

no more a people, & that the Name of *K. Charles*,
 and a Conformable Orthodox Clergy be no more
 in remembrance; That cast their heads with one
 consent; and are confederate against thine Anoin-
 ted; But doe thou unto them, as unto the *Assa-*
dianites unto *Sisera*, and unto *Isabin* at *Edge-hill*:
 Make all their kinglings and princelings, that say,
 Let us take the Houses of God, and renewes of
 the Church in Possession, like *Zeba* and *Salmuna*,
 like unto a wheel, and as the stubble before the
 winde; As the fire that burnes up the wood, and as
 the flame, that consumes the Mountains; Let them
 be confounded and vexed; Let them be put to
 shame and perih; The proud are risen against thine
 Anointed, and the congregation of naughty men,
 that have not set thee before their eyes, seek alter
 his soul; But turn thou unto him, and have mercy
 upon him, and give thy strength unto thy servant,
 and helpe the Son of thine hand-maide; shew some
 good token upon him for good, that they which
 hate him, may see it, and be ashamed, because thou
 Lord dost help him, and comfort him; Thou hast
 made a covenant with thy chosen, thou hast sworn
 unto *David* (unto *Charles*) thy servant; O doe
 thou establish his seed for ever, & set up his throne
 from one generation to another; Thou hast Anoin-
 ted him with thy holy Oile, now let thy Hand
 hold him fast, and thine Arm strengthen him; That
 the enemies may not be able to doe him violence,
 nor these tonnes of wickednesse to hurt him; Smite
 down his foes before his face, and plague them
 that hate him; Let thy truth and mercy be with
 him, and in thy Name let his strength be exalted;
 Make him higher then the Kings of the earth, keep
 thy mercy for him for evermore, and let thy Cove-
 nant stand fast with him; Let his seed endure for
 ever, and his throne as the dayes of Heaven; Call

not his Crown to the ground; Set not up the right hand of his enemies, neither make his Adversaries to rejoyce: take not away the edge of his Sword, but give him victory in the battell: Remember Lord the rebukes thy servants have, and how wee bear in our bosomes the Rebukes of many people, wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed, and slandered the foot-steps of thine Anointed.

Deliver him from the snare of the Hunter, and from the noy some pestilence: Defend him under thy wings, keep him safe under thy feathers; let thy Faithfulnesse and Truth be his shield and buckler; Though a thousand fall beside him, and ten Thousand at his right hand, yet give thine Angels charge over him, to keep him in all his wayes: Let them bear them in his hands, till thou hast satisfied him with long life, and shewed him thy salvation; untill his eye see his lust upon his enemies, and his ear hear his desire of the wicked that are risen up against him:

Arise thou Iudge of the world, and reward the Rebels after their deserving, that smite down thy people, and trouble thy herirage: Recompensthem their wickednesse, and destroy them in their owne malice.

With thine own right hand, and with thy holy Atme, give thy servant *Charles* the victory.

He is thine Anointed; and therefore let no hand of wickednesse touch him: If they will still goe on, let the earth open, and swallow up their Leader, and cover the congregation of all the Rebels.

Helpe the King now, O Lord; O Lord shew him now prosperity.

Deliver his Soul, O Lord from lying lips, and from a deceitfull Tongue, even from the lying lips of those deceitfull tongues, who make themselves ready for battell, when he perswades, and intreats,

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and invites, and speaks unto them of peace: Be thou, O Lord, his Keeper, and Defence upon his right hand; Let not the sun goe down upon him by day, in open violence, nor the moon by night, in secret trechery, preserve him from all evil in his goings out, and coming in from this time forth for evermore.

Send peace within his walls, and plenteousnesse within His Pallaces.

Have mercy upon him, O Lord, have mercy upon him; for he hath been despised, and filled with the scornfull reproof of the wealthy, and with the despitifullnesse of the proud.

Be thou on his side O Lord, even thou thy self, now that men rise up against him, least they swallow him up quick, now they are so wrathfully displeased at him; and that the deep waters of the proud may not goe over his soul, break the snare that they have laid for him, that he may escape as a bird out of the snare of the Fowlet.

If they will still turne back upon their owne wickednesse, lead them forth with the evill doers; but let peace be upon Israel, even upon K. Charles, and all his loyall subjects.

Many a time have they fought against him; yea, many a time have they vexed his soul from his youth up, yet, blessed be thy Name, they have not prevailed against him; hew thou their ungodly snares in pieces, convert them, if it be thy good will, if not, Confound them, even as many of them, as have evill will at Sion, or at the King of Sion, King Charles.

Lord, remember this David of thine, and all his troubles, and take not away the presence of thine Anointed; Clothe his enemies with shame, but upon himself let his Crown flourish.

Give victory unto the King, and deliver Charles thy

thy servant from the perill of the sword and Gun in the day of battell, and evermore, O thou King of Hosts, wee beseech thee thorow Iesus Christ, the Prince of peace. Amen.

A Thanksgiving for the good successe it hath pleased GOD to give His Anointed,

Psal.

111.

1, 4, 5

9.

WEe doe and will give thanks to thee O Lord, with our whole hearts: secretly among the faithfull, and publicly in the congregation; because thou hast done such a marvellous work for the King, in shewing his people the power of his works, and given us a hope of Redemption, by a late glorious victorie at Edge-hill.

Ps. 111

1.

Wee doe give thanks unto thee, O Lord, and confesse thou art gracious: because thou hast taken part with thine Anointed, and them that helpe him, against the desire of his enemies at Brainford.

Ps. 136

2, 3.

Wee give thanks unto thee the God of all Gods: wee give thanks unto thee the Lord of all Lords; because thou hast continued thy mercy to thine Anointed, and conquered him who was called the Conquerour, and given the King a glorious victory over him at the Devizes.

Ps. 144

1.

Blessed be thou O Lord, our Sovereigns strength, and our onely who hast taught our hands to warre, and our fingers to fight: our hope, our fortress, our castle and Deliverer, our Defender, in whom wee trust, which hast subdued the people under him, and given him a glorious victory over his rebellious Subjects at Cicelter.

Ps. 145

1, 2, 6

7, 8.

14.

Wee magnifie thee, O God our King, and will praise thy Name for ever and ever. Every day will we give thanks unto thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever; wee will speak of the might of thy

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marvellous acts, and tell of thy greatness, We will remember thine abundant kindnesse, and sing of thy righteousness; Because thou hast been gracious, and mercifull, and of great goodnesse, in upholding our Sovereign, who was falling, and lifted up him thy servant, who was down, by many a glorious victory in the North.

Our souls shall praise thee while wee live, yea as long as we have any being, wee will sing praises unto thee, because thou hast helped him to right (who suffered wrong) in returning the Citizens of Bristol and Exeter, the inhabitants of Banstable, Bedford and Appleford to their pristine Loyalty. ps. 146
1, 6.

None of these thy mercies, nor any other shall goe out of our remembrance; wee will never cease praying of thee for thy mercies passed, nor praying unto thee for thy mercy future; which wee beseech thee to multiply upon the head of our King, and in the heart of his Kingdom, by covering Him in the day of battell, and sending peace within our walls; which we beseech thee to accomplish to us, and him, thorow Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Another of the same.

WE praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord; the Lord of Hosts, and the God of Peace; the Lord of Hosts going forth with the Armies of thine Anointed, our Sovereigne Charles; and given him one glorious victory at Edge-hill, and a second at Braineeford, and a third at Cicestier, and a fourth at Skipton, and a fifth at the Devizes, and many a one in the North, and the God of peace, in returning the Citizens of Bristol and Exeter, the inhabitants of Banstable, Bedford & Appleford to their pristine Loyalty; O be thou pleased still to take part with him, till thou hast reduced

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and all his other Cities and Citizens, all his other Townes and Subjects to the same duty of Loyaltie, and happinesse of peace. Give them that still stand out, the grace both of Illumination and Sanctification; of Illumination, that they may know their duty, and of Sanctification, that they may doe their duty, and confirm us who are already loyall, that neither for fear of death or torment, nor for hope of life or preferment, we may ever decline our Duty; but continue constant to the end, and in the end receive that Crown which is now last promised to them that persevere, and exchange this gratefull Anthem, Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to thy Name, we ascribe the glory, into that everlasting Hallelulah, Honour and glory, and praise be unto thee, and to the Lambe at thy right hand, for ever and ever, Amen.

The Loyall Subjects Prayer, in these disloyall times.

O Almighty God, King of all Kings, and Governor of all things. whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth iustly to punish sinners; and to be mercifull to them that truly repent; Have and bestow out gracious King Charles, his royall Consort the Queen, our hopesfull Prince Charles, and the rest of their Princely Issue: his royall Predecessors, his loyall Nobility. Gentry and Iohannets, who are now up in arms under him, and for him, and to maintain thy Glory, and true Religion, his Honour and just prerogatives, the Parliaments iustice and true Petitions, the Kingdoms Lawes, and the Subjects Liberty, from the hands of these, his, and our enemies: Give them, then, such a light sense of that Rebellion they are run into, of the effusion of blood, they have caused, of that perjury, by breaking the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacie, and their own late Protestation, they stand guilty of that yet at last they may returne to the duty of Duty they owe thee, to the duty of Loyaltie they owe their King, to the duty of Obedience they owe the Church, to the duty of Equity they owe the Kingdome, to the duty of Sobriety they owe themselves, & to the duty of Charity they owe us and all men; that so they may partake of thy mercy and the Kings,

in the pardon both of their sin and punishment: If they will not be converted, then O God, insinuate their hearts, contract their hearts, enervate their hands, abate their pride, abate their malice, & confound their devices: and when the Army meet, let these, and all other the enemies of thine, and the King, be as the dust before the wind, and the Angel of the Lord scattering them: These are the men that have raised this War by gross Idolatry, & Treachery, & Conspiracies, and therefore according to thine own promise scatter them the people that delight in War: Let every one of the Kings Army chaste ten of the Rebels, ten of his an hundred of theirs, & an hundred a thousand: and what he could not gain by force, O victory, doe thou give him by a glorious Victory, restore the peace of God, the peace of the Church, the peace of the Kingdom, and doe thou exchange all this peace on earth, to him our King and to our selves his Subjects, into the Peace of Glory in Heaven, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

A Thanksgiving for His Majesties late great Victory over the Rebels in the North.

O Most Mighty God, whose dwelling is above the Heavens, yet hast thou set to dispute of all things done either in Heaven or earth, when the unspeakable Judgments hast suffered the shades of thine eyes to behold the Triumph of Rebellion in every corner of this Land, but thou hast justly turned the confidence of these into their Shame, thou hast made and magnified the great and glorious shame, that having given of late to these Rebels so many plagues of thy favour, thou hast yet added to the heap of blessings a few and notable miseries over the Rebels in the North. See on O thou Lord of all Creation, see on, as thou hast begun, leave us not here desolate thee, till thou hast accomplished the great work thou hast so apparently taken into thine own hands: Pass by our perillous sin, O Lord, though they try hard, hear them not, but look to the righteousness of our Cause; See the terrible Court of thy Son torne, the Throne of thy Church trampled on, thy Church invaded by Sacrilege, and thy people miserably bereaved with loss. See if O God, (as see it thou dost) and vindicate to her thou sett upon the heads of those who lead their Subjects to destruction, till by their frequent obstinacies (if nothing else can possibly restore them) thou hast scourged them into obedience, and turned these enemies of thine and ours into a desire of peace, that so having at last subdued their hearts (which is the best of victories), thy David may return to his Jerusalem in Peace, and thy people may have for ever thine Government, blessing thy goodness, which hath made this far us through the Mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory, and thy blessed Spirit, be all praise, and glory now & for ever. Amen.

